States and U.T. without any office of LIC and GIC

3316. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the States and the Union Territories where there were no branches of private companies transacting either life insurance or general insurance or both in 1955;

(b) whether there was any state or Union Territory without any office of LIC or any of the subsidiaries of GIC as on March 31, 1994; and

(c) *if so, the names thereof?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) LIC have informed that in 1955 the private companies transacting life insurance business had their branches in all the then States of the Indian Union; however, none of them had branches in any of the Union Territories. The information about general insurance companies is not available.

(b) and (c) As on March 31st, 1994, all States and Union Territories had offices of the General Insurance Companies. As regards Life Insurance Corporation, it had no office in three of the Union Territories, namely, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep.

एल्युमिनियम पर आयात शुल्क

3317. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार एल्युमिनियम के अन्तरर्राष्ट्रीय मूल्य को घरेलु मूल्य के बराबर लाने हेतु इस पर लगने वाले आयात शुल्क को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) जनवरी से जून, 1994 के दौरान एल्यूमिनियम के उत्पादन, आयात और खपत का माहवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त-मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) और (ख) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

(ग) जनवरी, 1994 से जून, 1994 तक मूल एल्यूमीनियम धातु का उत्पादन निम्नानुसार हैं :—

	(टनों में)
जनवरी, 1994	41,440
फरवरी, 1994	36,919
मार्च, 1994	39,312
अप्रैल, 1994	34,152
मई, 1994	37,926
जून, 1994	37,807

आयात के माहवार ब्यौरे एकत्र किए जा रहे हैं और सभा-पटल पर रख दिए जाएंगे । देश में एल्युमिनियम की खपत के आंकड़े नही रखे जाते हैं ।

Financial power at various level in SBI

3318. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial powers with regard to credit facilities at various levels in the State Bank of India was fixed in 1983, which have become obsolete;

(b) the details of the said powers at various levels;

(c) whether there is any proposal for the enhancement of powers at various levels in the light of McKINSEY & Co.'s report with details thereof vis-a-vis the earlier entitlements; and

(d) by when action is likely to be completed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b). State Bank of India (SBI) have reported that the current Scheme of Delegation of Financial powers relating to advances at the Bank's domestic offices has been in force since 1st January, 1986. The credit sanctioning powers at the domestic offices depend upon the type of credit facility and the nature of the borrower and very from the Branch Manager to the Executive Committee of the Central board, the latter having full powers.

(c) and (d). SBI have reported that revision of credit sanctioning powers would be undertaken by them after the MOXINSEY & Co.'s final report is accepted by the Bank for implementation.

Debt Relief Schemes

3319. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount still remains to be paid as direct payment and as loans o Government of Maharashtra under the Maharashtra Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that cooperative Banks in the State have been incurring losses by way of interest etc. owing to the delay of the Central Government in releasing the funds due; if so, the total amounts of loss so far incurred by these banks; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to pay the amounts falling due from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : (a) to (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Aricul-ture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that as per the policy guidelines the claims of banks in Maharashtra under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 have been settled in full. No further amount is due to be paid to Government of Maharashtra either as direct payment or as loan, under the Scheme. The claim that Cooperative banks have incurred loss by way of interest owing to delay of Central Government in releasing funds is not well founded as it is mainly based on the application of interest to doubtful and chronic overdues.

Internal Work Study Units

3320. T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any monitoring of the work done to effect economy by the Internal Work Study Units in various Ministries of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the achievements made by such units during the years 1992, 1993 and 1994, Ministry-wise;

(c) whether the finding reports of these units about staff reduction are being implemented by their administrative ministries strictly;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to take some tough measures to achieve the object of effecting economy in Government offices;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Internal Work Study Units have been set up in various Ministries/Department to, inter-alia, study organisational structures, work methods and procedures, performance